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Additional Resources

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Upcoming Events / Seminars

For information about upcoming DWS seminars and workshops, please contact the office nearest you, or <http://jobs.utah.gov/employer/business/workshops.asp>

*Mark your calendar!***5th Annual Rural Business Conference**

April 19 & 20

Western Park, Vernal, Utah

Hosted by Senator Bob Bennett and the Utah Rural Development Council

Exhibit space is also available!

For information or to register visit: www.ruralutah.gov

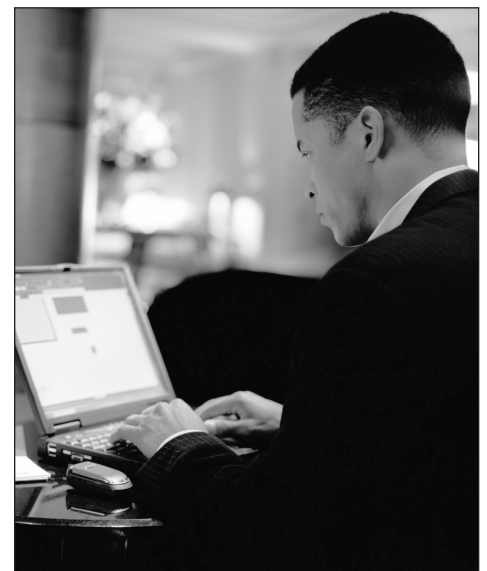
On-Line Employer Resources

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The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) website provides employers the opportunity to list job openings, search for job seeker resumes, and view the latest economic and wage information. The jobs.utah.gov website also contains links to unemployment tax information and employment laws. The DWS jobs.utah.gov website is available 24/7.

Business.utah.gov

This is a great on-line resource for employers doing business in Utah. This web site contains information about starting a business, running a business, relocating a business, and closing a business. It also provides links for business licenses, business license renewals, business news, and a host of additional business tools.



CEU Awarded \$2.7 Million Grant by Department of Labor to Train Workers in Eastern Utah for Energy Industry Careers

On December 19, 2005, the College of Eastern Utah was awarded \$2.7 million to help it build an innovative energy training center near Price. CEU will partner with industry and other agencies to provide training and certification programs in coal, gas/oil, utilities, transportation, and service industries. Through the center, workers will be able to acquire broad-based skills and access new career opportunities emerging throughout the Rocky Mountain region. The grant award is part of the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative and is a culmination of years of discussions and proposals. Utah's entire congressional delegation was instrumental in obtaining these funds.

Since the announcement of the award, an effective and highly diverse board has been created to help get the center off the ground. The industry-driven board is made up of seven representatives from industry, including: Sam Quigley (Coal), Rick Olsen (Coal), Jim Felton (Gas & Oil), Rod Hensley (Electrical Generation), Dave Sorrells (Transportation), Ellis Pierce (Small business), and Jerry Carlson (Small business). The board also includes four representatives from government, including: Dr. Ryan Thomas (CEU), Miles Nelson (SEUATC), Susan Etzel (Workforce Service), and Carol Rogers (Vocational Rehabilitation). The board and staff are committed to working with other training providers in the Uinta Basin, as well as other areas in need. The center hopes to be in operation by August 2006.

An estimated 10,000 new workers may need to move to the rural Rockies to meet the energy-related demands in the next 3-5 years. Right now Eastern Utah has a significant labor shortage that is seemingly growing day by day. Thus, Eastern Utah has an immediate need for increased training in all the energy-related industries. Perhaps the most important component of the federal program and the grant application was that the program is to be "industry driven." That is to say, industry will identify the needs and the center will provide the training that satisfies those needs. The needs will not only be in the technical fields but also in management disciplines. If you have questions about the center please call Steven Burge at (435) 613-5273 or email him at steven.burge@ceu.edu.



Business Profile

Kody's Fitness Center is one of the hottest new businesses in Duchesne County. Kody's is owned and operated by Cliff and Kitty Connover. Clifford and Kitty also own and operate Kody's restaurant. The story of how the Connovers came to Roosevelt and became the owners of these popular businesses is amazing.

About eight years ago, Clifford, Kitty and their four-year-old son, Kody, were living in California. Clifford worked for the Chevron Corporation and had the opportunity to transfer when the branch he worked for shut down. During the time they were trying to make a decision as to where to transfer, they had a very important factor to consider. Their 4-year-old child had Down's syndrome and they needed to look at what type of community would best suit his needs and long term future. In looking at both rural and city locations, they decided a rural setting would best suit his needs. This brought them to Roosevelt and the Chevron plant. Shortly after getting moved and settled in they started looking at a restaurant to buy. They chose a building west of Roosevelt where several different restaurant owners had tried their luck. Cliff stated that people worked hard to discourage them from buying that particular building, but they saw the potential and pursued the challenge. After working 40 hours per week for Chevron and 40 hours per week at the restaurant, Cliff decided to take an early retirement and work for himself. Today, Kody's Restaurant is one of the most popular eating establishments in Roosevelt. Approximately two years ago, Cliff and Kitty began construction on Kody's Fitness Center next to the restaurant. The fitness center opened this last fall with all state-of-the-art equipment, a racquetball court, ladies' exercise room, aerobics room and several other innovative ideas. When asked why they feel they have been so successful with their businesses, the Connovers gave several reasons: 1) Community support; 2) They have studied and copied other successful people; 3) good customer service; 4) If you do a job and do it right, you will be successful!

As of February 2006, the restaurant has 16 employees (including family members), the fitness center has 10 employees, and over 400 new members! Congratulations and good luck Kody's.